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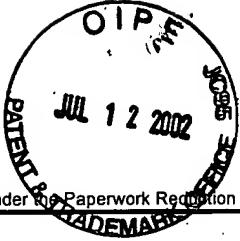
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*R16 29*  
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(new) A method for reducing subterranean aqueous fluid flow into a well drilled through a hydrocarbon-bearing formation, comprising the steps of:

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